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HUNTINGTON WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGE

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Kristina Dawn Pauley, 25, of Huntington, pleaded guilty today in federal court before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers, to aiding and abetting the distribution of oxycodone. Pauley, who was assisted by associates, admitted to selling 20 80-milligram oxycodone pills to an undercover agent working for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in exchange for \$950 on June 29, 2010. The drug transaction occurred at Smokin' Aces store that was located in Huntington at the time. On June 29, 2010, the day of the arranged drug buy, an undercover agent contacted Pauley and inquired as to whether the defendant's pill supplier had 80-milligram pills for sale. Pauley admitted to informing the undercover agent that her pill source had oxycodone pills for sale and further assisted by putting her associate on a telephone call with the undercover agent to discuss a price for the pills. Following the telephone call, Pauley and her associate entered the Smokin' Aces store. The defendant's associate handed the undercover agent a plastic bag that contained the oxycodone pills in exchange for \$900. Shortly after the transaction, the defendant's associate called the undercover agent and informed him that he should have paid \$950 for the oxycodone pills. Pauley further admitted to going back to the store to pick up the additional \$50 payment for the pills.

Pauley faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when she is sentenced on August 15, 2011.

Assistant United States Attorney William King is in charge of the prosecution.

This case is being prosecuted as part of a yearlong undercover operation that targeted illegal drugs and firearms crimes in the Huntington area. The operation was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and assisted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Huntington Police Department, and various other law enforcement agencies. It was announced to the public in March after a grand jury returned indictments against 55 defendants.

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HUNTINGTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARMS POSSESSION CHARGE

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Alfonzo Marcell Waldon, 24, of Huntington, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers, to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Waldon admitted that on July 20, 2010, he sold a Smith & Wesson .38-caliber revolver to an undercover Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) agent working at the Smokin' Aces store in Huntington. Waldon received \$125 in exchange for the firearm. Information pertaining to the firearm revealed that it had been reported stolen. According to the defendant's criminal history, Waldon had been previously convicted of attempted first-degree robbery in Cabell County Circuit Court in May 2005.

Waldon faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on August 15, 2011.

Assistant United States Attorney Josh Hanks is in charge of the prosecution.

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